Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Veteran's Center of Excellence in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Laredo College, located at West End Washington Street Laredo, Texas 78040. The funding would be used for capital improvements and equipment to create a fully equipped Veteran's Center of Excellence. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the center will provide local veterans and their dependents with comprehensive career services and other resources to succeed in the workforce.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely.

Henry Cuellar, Ph.D. U.S. Congressman

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